



MILWAUKEE AREA NET INFORMATION

DAY	TIME	MHZ	ACTIVITY
DAILY	6-8 AM	14.290	Wisconsin/Florida Net
MON-FRI	8:30 AM	3.965	After Breakfast Club
MON	8:00 PM	146.445	Emergency Net
MON	9:00 PM	146.670	ARES Net (Milwaukee-Waukesha)
MON	9:00 PM	50.160	6 Mtr. General Net
TUE	8:00 PM	7.035	A.F.A.R. Net (CW)
TUE	9:00 PM	145.130	MAARS Roundtable
WED	8:00 PM	28.365	10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.)
THU	9:00 PM	50.160	6 Mtr. General Interest Net
THU	9:00 PM	146.910	Computer Net
FRI	9:00 PM	28.400	W9RH on the air MRAC Club Station Net
SAT	9:00 PM	146.910	Saturday Nite Fun Net
SUN	10:00 AM	443.800	FM-38 Link to 146.88 Baraboo SWAP Net
SUN	8:00 PM	28.365	10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.)
SUN	8:00 PM	146.910	Information Net
SUN	9:00 PM	146.910	Swap Net

The 2 meter frequencies are -600khz offset FM repeaters. FM38 is +5 Mhz offset, tone 114.8 The 10 meter frequencies are upper sideband (USB). If there are additions, changes, or corrections to this list, please contact: Pancho KA90FA. 344-4694

EDITOR'S NOTES

At our July meeting we had quite an interesting talk by Fred Linn about early digital communications (telegraphy and CW).

Ed Wille - W9PWG showed us a unique piece of equipment, a Final amplifier from W9SNK - Charley Kaetel's old ham station which uses a pair of 8005's and was built for A.M. (antiquated modulation) operation. Ed calls it a TVI Generator. Quite boat anchor I must say.

Travis Baird - W9VQD showed us a trophy that he received for a pie eating contest at a hamfest in 1940. He even demonstrated the method used to consume the pie.

We even had a change in refreshments. Ted Stiller - WA9RDI made hot dogs to go along with the soda and coffee.

I still need more copy (see page 4) for the pages of this, our newsletter. Anyone have a reminiscence of Ham radio to share or a Hint or Kink, or some theory to share? Please send in what ever you can. See page 5 for details.

Well, I guess that's about it for now.

73's
Pancho
Pancho - KA90FA



FCC HAM RADIO EXAMS

Wednesday Exams

All Grades MRAC VEC *

Third Wed. of each month at 6:30 pm

Village at Manor Park (was Methodis Manor)

3023 S. 84th St.

Milwaukee, WI

Walk-ins are welcome, but preregistration is requested if possible. To register in advance, send a post card on which you have printed the grade of license for which you are applying, your name, address and telephone number to:

c/o Jack Krause-W9JK

1737 N. 116th St.

Wauwatosa, WI 53226

c/o Les Peterson - W9TCV

9741 W. Howard

Greenfield, WI 53228

For more information call:

466-HAMS

Saturday Exams *

Last Saturday of Each Month

at 8:30 am

at Wauwatosa S&L

7500 W. State St. Wauwatosa

SWAT TEAM Exams *

2nd SAT of each month

at 1:00pm

Next testing April 10, 1993.

Wauwatosa S&L

6560 S. 27th ST.

Oak Creek, WI

Enter the north end of the building,
downstairs and follow the signs.

SEP.....11 NOV.....13

OCT.....9 DEC.....11

For more info call:

KB9QL - Norman McNew (414) 764-5998

or AA9DO - Joe Metry (414) 761-9219.

* Bring your license (if any) and 2 copies also the same for CSCE's you may have. Originals will be returned to you.
\$5.00 charge for exams for ALL classes of license.

Pancho:

Here is some copy for the Chatter, if you have room. I was working in a suburban depot NW suburb of Chicago, while in high school, and on Saturdays. It was the depth of the depression, and nobody could find a job, and I thought that if I could get some experience, I might be able to qualify. Ah yes, har de har. There were lots of old time ops on the extra board, and they didn't need nor want any "Ham trainee" such as I. Their term, "Ham" meant a trainee with NO experience.

So I offered to work for the experience, and to give a hand to the agent who was a friend of my grandmother's. He was an old German, and was very exacting. He turned out to be a good friend, and a benefactor, as he demanded that I worked, and did a good job of it.

He told me lots of stories of the "old days on the wire", and of some of the old time supervisors, who made things tough for everybody. The telegraphers were miserably paid, they were overworked, 12-14 hrs per day, and could be fired at the whim of management.

They assumed tremendous responsibilities for control of trains, the administration of their Division, and they handled very important traffic (Western Union telegrams stock market quotations, and financial transactions in commerce.)

The safety of passengers, and prevention of wrecks, and the upkeep of train schedules was in their hands, and they did it all with manual telegraph!

As I have said....Thank God, I never went to work for the RR!!

73, Fred



Following is a quote from the agent I used to work for in the '30s. He was telling me what it was like to be a "lightning slinger" before WW I. (Lightning slinger=telegrapher).

There have been those who thought that the telegrapher was one of the elite, and had an easy life!! From my experience in little suburban depot on the NW side of Chicago in the 30's, this was typical (except I had all of the dirty jobs, and the telegrapher was thus spared). Needless to say I was quite popular with him! Another problem that the Superintendent lived in the neighborhood which made frequent inspections easy.

"There goes the 6 o'clock alarm already-the telegraph business is hard! I get up, make a grab for my trousers, and proceed to make breakfast, after which I make a mad dash for the "station", and I sweep the ashes, dust the small planks (benches), and push all of it out into the back yard. Yep, there goes the telephone!

Somebody wanting to know if his niece arrived yesterday, and if so, where were her trunks? By now, someone at the window-no tickets to Podunk? When did you say the westbound got in?

By now, I have time to cut in the wires. Here is the dispatcher calling frantically--["whr u bn since 7AM? Luks like u can ans up! In future, cc-tt-u-ans up mo prmt. Ct tis 9"]¹. (The 9 means FINISH).

I look around at the grating, and I have 6 inquisitive passengers. Also baggage arrivals, train arrivals on the wire, tickets, etc? All OK, I turn to the key-no such luck. Agent says, check the yard-supers coming-after that come in and take [WU]².

18 messages, all rush! Now it's noon, and I'm again at the public's disposal. Having taken care of all that, I dash over to the restaurant for some bread, cheese, and coffee.

Afternoon passes the same way-I copy records, send car reports, make out expense bills, write 'em up in the "pro-book", make abstracts, and in the meantime, am a general roustabout, answerable to the agent. I ask the dispatcher for a GN at 7 o'clock. No answer. At 10 o'clock, no GN, so I haul out for home. The first in the AM is one from the dispatcher, "[Hw cm u lv w/o no GN? C it dn hapn agn!]"³ All of this for \$50 per.

This was a typical day in the old stations before WW I, and the telegrapher I am quoting, was the agent when I was in his depot! He was talking of his job in 1905, while I was there in 1931!

I was grateful to him for teaching me Morse, and for making me realize that I didn't want to be a telegrapher, and NEVER to be employed by any railroad.

Translations

1. "whr u bn since 7AM? Luks like u can ans up! In future, cc-tt-u-ans up mo prmt. Ct tis 9."
Where have you been since 7:00 am? You should be quicker at opening up the line. In the future, see that you answer more promptly!
"Ct tis" = a general bawling out.
9 = Finish or no answer needed.
2. WU= Western Union
3. Hw cm u lv w/o no GN? C it dn hapn agn! = Why did you leave without properly closing the station? See to it that it doesn't happen again.
GN = good night - a term used to close up the telegraph station at days end.

DO IT YOURSELF NEWS PAGE

Club Meetings

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West Allis Radio Amateur Club
 Meets the second Tuesday of each month
 at 8:00 p.m.
 At St. Peter's Episcopal Church
 7929 W. Lincoln Ave.
 West Allis, WI

Miller Valley Radio Amateur Club
 Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
 at 703 N. 39th St., just north of and almost under
 the former Wis. Ave. viaduct.
 For info contact: Art - WA9AWJ
 (found daily on the 145.13 repeater).

Packet Users Group

Third Saturday of each month
 8:00pm-11:00pm
Security Bank
 7600 W. Layton
 Milwaukee, WI

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

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W9RH- TEN METER NET

Come on up and join us on **W9RH**
Ten Meter Net on Friday evenings at
 9:00 PMat approximately 28.4 MHZ.
 We'd like to meet you there.

Y'all come to the
MRAC HAM BREAKFAST
 every Saturday morning
 at 8:30 o'clock.
Maxim's Restaurant
 9143 W. Appleton Ave.
 (corner of 91st St.
 and Appleton Ave.
 near Timmerman Field)

Prices are reasonable, the food - good,
 and the company - excellent.

Friday Evening CQ Food

First Friday of the month Fishfry
 Serb Hall at 51st and Oklahoma
 Call: Warren - K9IZV
 on th 146.91 - offset
 for reservations by Noon on that FRI.
 Other Fridays
 Check in 5:00 pm
 Decision & finalization at 6:00pm
 and meet at
 CQ Food destination at 7:00pm
 Other CQ Foods on a random basis
 also called on this repeater
 CQ Food on WA9JOB 146.91 Repeater.

CQ Third Tuesday

11:00 am
 Skanda House
 Hwy 100 & Oklahoma

NEWS CONTRIBUTIONS

Articles and information for
 the newsletter should be received
 by the editor no later than the first
of the month of publication. If re-
 ceived after the first of the month,
 its inclusion in that month's edition
 cannot be guaranteed. Your coop-
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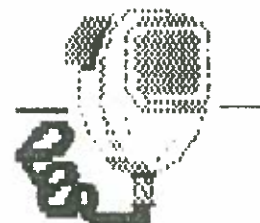
Please mail submissions to:
Hamateur Chatter

c/o Pancho Doneis, KA90FA
 1958 N. 38th St.
 Milwaukee, WI 53208

You may also call me at:
344-4694.

 Thanks to our news contributors this month:

K4HQY	WB9LNU	W9PWG
W9JK	W9NZF	W9UVV



CHRISTMAS PARTY



Plans have been initiated for the annual Christmas
 get to gether.

Here they are so far,

Date: **12/10/93**
 Place: **Patio Club**
 Location: **Soutside**
 Food: **3 Selections of Meat**
 Cost: **\$12 - \$15 per place**
 Chairman: **Vern Teske - W9RYA**

This not a Club money maker (break even
 at best), but a fun get together.

We have cut a down payment check for
 \$250.00 and signed up for a minimum, of 60
 people. That, my friends is management or
 guts.

Need I say more?

Ed - W9PWG

Any ideas for entertainment?
 Call Vern Teske - W9RYA

Further plans to be announced in upcoming issues of Hamateur Chatter.

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***** UPCOMING EVENTS *****

* Signifies VE Testing

Racine HamFest *

SAT - AUG 14th 1993
South Hills Country Club
Racine, WI
T/I on 147.27 Simp

Radio Expo *

SAT - SEP 25th &
SUN - SEP 26th, 1993
Grayslake, IL
T/I on 146.16/.76 Rptr

KMRA Swapfest *

SUN - OCT 10, 1993
Waukesha EXPO center
Waukesha, WI
T/I on 147.39+ Rptr

M.R.A.C. Christmas

Get Together

FRI - DEC 10, 1993
Patio Club
Milwaukee, WI

WARAC Swapfest *

SUN - JAN 9, 1994
Waukesha, WI

South Milwaukee Swapfest *

SAT - JULY 9, 1994
OAK Creek, WI
T/I 146.58 Simp.

*To put your SwapFest Here -
Tell us about it!*

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club

P.O. Box 25707

Milwaukee, WI 53225

Celebrating

75 Years!

of Continuous Club Activity.

THIS MEETING

THU - AUG 26, 1993

at 7:30 PM

Wauwatosa

Savings and Loan

See Inside.

Sept. Meeting - SEP 30th



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